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repatriation took place. But is it a fact that after repatriation, some of the prisoners were sent back to jails other than in their own districts?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" That arose out of certain action taken by the prisoners and the necessary consequences to look after them properly."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" In an interview at Tanjore, the Hon. the Chief Minister promised to me that he would consider the question of releasing the convicts at Tanjore."

MR. SPEAKER :—" How does it arise out of this question?"

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" They are also prisoners like Communist prisoners."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have no objection if the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer."

(There was no answer.)

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" The Hon. the Chief Minister was comparing October 1st with August 15. In view of this most auspicious occasion, will the Government see to it that all political prisoners are released and cases against them are withdrawn?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" General amnesty in relation to 15th of August cannot exactly be made a parallel to October 1st. When really we reach October 1st and when the Andhra State Bill is passed, the new Government will certainly take steps."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Will not October 1st pass out of the hands of the present Chief Minister?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" That is exactly my difficulty, Sir."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" In view of the importance of October 1st, will the Hon. the Chief Minister review the cases of at least those prisoners who were connected with the Andhra State agitation?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" A separate question on this subject is on the agenda."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" There is a short notice question to-day which I will be answering."

Number of wells constructed in Tiruvallur taluk.

* 853 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of wells constructed in the selected areas of Tiruvallur taluk, Chingleput district, in 1952; and

(*b*) of these how many were constructed in cheris; and how many in the villages?

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THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" (*a*) 10 wells.

" (*b*) Near the Harijan quarters the number is 5, and near the caste Hindu quarters 5."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" In view of the fact that the Harijans will have to pay contribution if the construction of wells is taken up under the Rural Welfare Scheme, will the Government consider the desirability of issuing a specific instruction to the Collectors to sanction the construction of drinking water wells under the Rural Water-supply Scheme? "

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" I am speaking on behalf of the Rural Welfare Department. On behalf of this department, instructions have already been given that facilities should be given to Harijan quarters. As a matter of fact, instructions have been given to the effect that in regard to drinking water wells, care should be taken to see that separate wells for Harijans and other communities are not constructed as they are likely to perpetuate the caste distinction and that ordinarily no new well should be dug within a distance of one furlong from an existing public well, unless there be any compelling reasons such as shortness in supply in the existing wells and that in any case nothing should be done which would tend to accentuate caste distinctions. As far as possible, the needs of the Harijans are met in this respect."

Sri Soundareswaraswamy temple at Kamarasavalli.

* 854 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any complaint, dated 10th February 1953, from the villagers of Kamarasavalli regarding the mismanagement of Sri Soundareswaraswami temple at Kamarasavalli; and

(*b*) the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Construction of a road connecting the Payyannoor-Pulingom road with Coorg.

* 855 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether there is any proposal with the Government to construct a road connecting the Payyannoor-Pulingom road in North Malabar with Coorg?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" There is no such proposal."